

Hooper Elementary PTA Board meeting minutes
Wednesday, September 16th, 2020 9 a.m.
Hooper Elementary Gym

Meeting Attendees:

Executive Committee: Stacy Adams, Mrs. Breeding, Mrs. Cummings, Kristin Peterson, Cindy Pendleton, Jenny Hirst, Brandi Browning, Shanae Headley.

Board Members: Karleen Turner, Judi Coburn, Trevor Hirst, Jessica Smith, Celeste Hatch

Approval of Agenda and Last Meeting's Minutes: Given by Shanae Headley. The agenda that was posted on the Hooper PTA Facebook page and the Hooper Elementary website on 2 September 2020 was reviewed and adopted. The meeting that was scheduled for 9 September was moved to 16 September due to the windstorm that cancelled school. Minutes from the 5 August 2020 General Membership meeting were posted on 5 August 2020 by Shanae Headley. No changes were made, and the minutes were adopted as posted.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Brandi Browning

- Balance in checking account as of 31 August 2020 is \$14, 721.54
- Income: Interest \$.67, Membership \$326, Spirit Wear \$898, Donations \$177.88
- Expenditures: General and Administrative – AIM Insurance \$400, Hooper Elementary Grant for face shields/masks, school supplies and disinfecting supplies \$2080

President-Elect Update: Given by Kristin Peterson. Class size issues in Kindergarten and 4th grade are concerning to the community. Mrs. Breeding is aware of these situations and is already taking steps to elevate the issue. A new PM Kindergarten teacher was hired recently. Kindergarten parents will be notified about changes in the next few weeks. Also Mrs. Breeding is in contact with the School District to get approval for an additional 4th grade teacher.

Legislative Update: Given by Cindy Pendleton. Cindy is attending the virtual UtahPTA Advocacy Conference tomorrow, September 17th. She will present what she learns at the next meeting.

Membership Update: Given by Jenny Hirst. There are currently 94 PTA members who have joined and all but 4 Teachers have joined so far. Last year there were 162 at Back to School Night. Not having a booth at Back to School Night is likely the reason for lower memberships, but parents are using MemberHub which is great. **Per our Hooper PTA Bylaws, those serving on the board (Elected and Appointed) need to have a current year membership.** Memberships are currently available to purchase online or check/cash can be sent into the school. hooper.new.memberhub.store/store Gift card prizes will be delivered this week from the membership contest Jenny held through Facebook. Jenny will also talk with Mrs. Breeding and Mrs. Cummings concerning ideas for classroom competitions and prizes.

Budget Discussion: Given by Stacy Adams. Besides providing the grant to help the school purchase Back to School supplies and required insurance for the PTA, little PTA funds have been spent. Receipts have been turned in for Teacher/Back to School breakfast. Please get your receipts to Brandi by the 15th of the month. Another t-shirt/hoodie order will be planned for November to get back in time for Christmas gifts. Cyndi Bennett is keeping Teachers and Staff happy with Popcorn Fridays.

Spirit Wear Orders: Given by Stacy Adams. The spirit wear order has been placed with Intermountain T-shirt and will be done by September 29th. Items will be individually bagged by order and delivered to Teachers for distribution.

Room Mom/Volunteer Sign-Ups: Given by Karleen Turner. A few Teachers have not turned in their signup sheet for volunteers for Room Moms. Karleen will work with the individual Teachers to get a volunteer. Once everyone is in place, Karleen will organize a meeting or send out information to those volunteers. Mrs. Breeding suggested the idea of each Teacher/Classroom holding a Halloween party. Due to volunteer restrictions, Mrs. Breeding proposed a Halloween

party-in-a-box for each Teacher. This would allow for a party to be held without excess adults in the school while still giving support to the Teachers. PTA will work with Teachers and Room Moms to help provide these boxes.

Reflections: Given by Judi Coburn. All entries will be submitted online by parents. Entries are due October 2nd and can be submitted at <https://utahpta.org/ref> Contact Judi 801-928-0923 with any questions or help or email hooperptareflections@gmail.com.

Spirit Fridays or Spirit Days: Given by Jessica Smith. Jessica asked that a reminder be sent out via Facebook every Thursday night, so that kids can remember to wear school shirts or school colors on Friday. If anyone has any fun ideas to reward students, please contact Jessica or email hooperpta@gmail.com with ideas. The rewards will begin in October.

Book Fairs: Given by Trevor Hirst. Scholastic has provided quick-set up options such as cases that set up and can be moved quickly, a drive-thru option or a virtual fair. The first Book Fair should begin October 12th. Mrs. Breeding agreed to an outside fair in the previous garden area if power was available. If this option does not work, the fair could be set up in the gym, but with proper social distancing and sanitation guidelines implemented Trevor will also notify teachers of the \$100 credit that can be used for individual classrooms that was earmarked during last school year.

Principal's Report: Given by Mrs. Breeding.

- Really appreciated the grant for \$2080 that was used to purchase Back to School supplies.
- The kids are champs! They are happy to be at school and parent support has been a big factor.
- Blocks will begin next week. There are four rotations – Computer, STEAM, PE and Library. Each rotation is 30 minutes and the rotation Teacher will come to the classroom.
- The cafeteria is now running smoothly and only one grade at a time is served. Thank you to our Cafeteria Staff!
- School lunch is free for all students until December 31, 2020 or until the funding runs out. This is provided by the Federal Government.
- The new furniture (desks and chairs) will be coming September 28-30. A dumpster will be out front, and parents can come get old desks or chairs for free. Mrs. Breeding will send out text when it gets closer.
- 1 to 1 Chromebooks have been pushed out until December, due to shipping delays.
- The Halloween Parade is still scheduled! However, it will be outside rain or shine and will be done grade by grade. Parents are invited but must social distance as well as only stay for their child's walk. Mrs. Breeding will provide more information as it gets closer.
- Behaviors have improved drastically since last year because kids are only on the playground with their grade.
- If students are sick due to COVID or with anything else, please contact the teacher to coordinate classwork during time-off.
- All open Aide positions have been filled.

Calendar/Upcoming Events:

Reflections Due – Friday October 2nd

Parent/Teacher Conference – Mon-Wed, October 12th - 14th

Fall Break – Thur-Fri, October 15th – 16th

Halloween Parade – Thursday, October 29th

No School Professional Learning Day – Friday October 30th

Meeting Adjourned at 9:57 am

Next Meeting: *Wednesday October 7th 9 am at Hooper Elementary Gym*

Minutes Accepted: _____(date) Secretary_____

Sign the minutes with title when they have been copied and put in the permanent binder

(name)

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